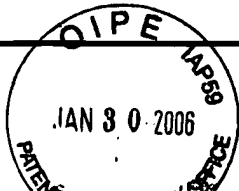


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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

This paper is responsive to the Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 28, 2005, in the above-identified patent application.

This paper is submitted on Monday, January 30, 2006, which is effectively within two months of the date of mailing of the Office action. Applicants believe that no fee is due with this submission; however, if any fee is due, the Director is authorized to charge the required fee for this submission to Deposit Account No. 07-1700.

No amendments are made herein. Applicants respectfully request entry of this Response After Final, reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and passage of the claims to allowance.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.